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To: All Washington Offices, State Directors, and Field Officials

From: Director, National Science and Technology Center
Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Joint Fire Science Satellite Broadcast on April 22, 2003

We are pleased to announce that the Governing Board of the Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) is sponsoring a satellite broadcast on April 22, 2003, that will highlight fire science research they have funded. The JFSP was established in FY 1998 to provide scientific information and tools in support of fuel and fire management programs. The JFSP is managed by a 10 member governing board representing the six partner bureaus (USFS, BIA, BLM, USGS, NPS, and FWS). The program funded 23 new research projects during its inaugural year. Since then, 155 additional projects have been funded and results from these projects are being made available to agency field offices and other users. All JFSP projects require scientist/manager partnerships along with a strong emphasis on technology transfer.

As a part of the required technology transfer component for each project, principal investigators are required to participate in a yearly workshop to share their progress and interim or final results of their research. This year the principal investigators workshop will be videotaped and edited for a satellite broadcast on April 22, 2003. Specific broadcast times, information and technical details will be found at the BLM National Training Center website at <http://www.ntc.blm.gov>. An agenda will be made available by April 8th and you will be able to find it at this website.

The Governing Board invites the Washington Office and all field offices to downlink this broadcast. The target audiences for this broadcast are program leads, field managers, and resource and fire specialists involved in any aspect of fire and fuels management. This is a great opportunity to learn the latest in fire science research and applications.

Questions regarding the content of this broadcast should be directed to Dr. Bob Clark at 208-387-5349. Questions regarding the downlink of the broadcast should be directed to Chip Calamaio at 602-906-5562. We hope that viewers will find this broadcast informative and educational. After-broadcast feedback can be sent to Lee Barkow at lee_barkow@blm.gov. We would like to hear your opinion regarding the effectiveness of this broadcast to guide our future technology transfer activities.

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